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In re application of: NAKAYAMA et al.

Art Unit: 2878

Application No. 09/828,301

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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR
MEASURING SURFACE PROFILES AND
WAVEFRONT ABERRATIONS, AND
LENS SYSTEMS COMPRISING SAME

Examiner: Kevin K. Pyo

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Enclosed is an Amendment for the above application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this amendment and any extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ A Marked-up Version of Amended Claims Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)-(c) is attached.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

This paper is submitted in reply to the Restriction Requirement, dated March 25, 2003.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

04/24/2003 In the claims 024550 09028301

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Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An apparatus for measuring an optical characteristic of a target object, comprising:
- a light source configured to produce a light flux;
 - a light-flux optical system situated relative to the light source and the target object and configured to (i) produce from the light flux a measurement-light flux and a reference-light flux, (ii) direct the measurement-light flux to the target object so as to cause the measurement-light flux to interact with the target object and thus acquire a wavefront profile corresponding to the optical characteristic of the target object, (iii) provide the reference-light flux with a standard wavefront, and (iv) establish an interference between the reference-light flux and the measurement-light flux from the target object;

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